PRESIDENT: Under the rules, anything opposed to public policy can be disallowed.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): What I want to know is whether there is any action taken by the Government which would go to show that the matter is still engaging their attention.

PRESIDENT: When the matter has not reached a stage when it is proper to make an announcement, or when Government do not consider it proper to make an announcement, any question in regard to the details of action taken is opposed to public policy.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): I do not want any description of the action taken. I only want to know whether any action has been taken.

PRESIDENT: It is implied in the answer. Otherwise, Government would not have given the answer they have given.

Arms Rules.

133. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed by them finally on the question of amending the Arms Rules?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 132.

A Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate for Shertallai.

134. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) Do the Government know that the inhabitants of the Shertallai taluk experience very great inconvenience for want of a Division Assistant at Shertallai?

(*b*) Do the Government know that, under the present arrangement, for all criminal cases triable only by a First Class Magistrate and for all criminal appeals, the people of Shertallai have to go to Kottayam crossing the Vembanad lake?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to take some early step for remedying these inconveniences and hardships?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*:

(*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter will be examined.

Change of Arayalam Kist Months.

135. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the replies of the several Dewan Peishkars on the question of changing the *kist* months?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to dispose of the matter at an early date?

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Students' Strike.

136. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the papers relating to the students' strike have been printed, and if they are not ready, will they be pleased to state the reason for the delay of over eighteen months in the publication of those papers?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): These papers have been printed and laid on the table.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir,—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I wish to ask a supplementary question to question No. 122.

PRESIDENT: You should have asked it when the Secretary called your name.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I was reading through the question, and by the time I read through the answer, the Secretary passed off to another question. I had no time to put the question.

PRESIDENT: The rule is that the printed copies of the questions and answers shall be placed on the table 15 minutes before the Council assembles and that members should read the answers and decide what supplementary questions they wish to ask. Immediately after the questions are called out, members are expected to put supplementary questions. If no supplementary questions are put, the Secretary passes on to the next question. The understanding is that thereafter the time for putting supplementary questions is past. That is the understanding and I am afraid I cannot go against it.

MR. M N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether the District Magistrate did not send up a report on the 25th or the 26th about the occurrences of the the day.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise out of the question. If you want to put any such question you will have to ask it separately.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is said that the papers have been placed on the table.

PRESIDENT: Yes; they have been placed on the table. And if you find any omissions, you will have to put a question at a future meeting of the Council.

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